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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the light emitting diode" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by USPN 6,065,678 to Li et al. A hand held bar code scanner having a focusing system wherein focusing uses an LED and a two-stage switch that is a press button switch is disclosed by Li et al.

Regarding claim 1, An illuminating device for a hand-held bar code reader (figures 4-6, also see the ABSTRACT),

Comprising a light emitting device controlled by a two-stage switch (column 6, lines 12-18, "Pushbutton 90 is a two-stage switch actuator. In one ON position thereof, LED 12a is energized, i.e., to accomplish the focusing phase. In the other ON position of pushbutton 90, LEDs 78 energized, i.e., to accomplish the scanning phase") wherein when the switch is switched to a first operation stage, the light emitting device is switched on for illuminating a bar code, and when the switch is switched to a second operation stage, a scan light is generated for reading a bar code.

Regarding claim 2, according to claim 1, wherein a hand-held bar code reader includes a reading window (figure 6), and the light emitting diode (12a) is installed next to the reading window (figure 6).

Regarding claim 3, according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is operative to emit a light substantially parallel to a scan light generated from an interior of the reading window (column 4, lines 66,67, column 5, lines 1-10).

Regarding claim 4, according to claim 1, wherein the switch includes a press-button switch (90).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure are 5,859,418 to Li et al., 5,744,790 to Li, and 5,684,287 to Walts.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James W. Cranson whose telephone number is 571-272-2368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30A.M.- 5:00P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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